

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section eight, article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. The said courts in the counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny, respectively, shall, from time to time, in turn detail one or more of their judges and in the case of the courts of Allegheny County may also detail one or more of the judges of the County Court to hold the courts of Oyer and Terminer and the courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said counties, in such manner as may be directed by law.

(These resolutions were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1953.)

No. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section one of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by authorizing certain tax exemptions for persons on relief and certain aged persons.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That article nine, section one of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. All taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity and real and personal property owned, occupied and used by any branch, post or camp of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines; and may exempt all persons on relief, all persons over sixty years of age receiving social security or pension benefits, and all persons over sixty-five years of age, from per capita taxes and any taxes on persons or occupations.

No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section twelve, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the purchasing of stated commodities in such manner as may be prescribed by law, and authorizing use of an escalation clause.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section twelve, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 12. All printing and fuel used in the legislative and other departments of government shall be furnished, and the printing, binding and distributing of the laws, journals, department reports and all other printing and binding and the repairing and furnishing the halls and rooms used for the meetings of the General Assembly and its committees shall be performed, under contract to be given to the lowest responsible bidder and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. All stationery, paper, supplies and equipment shall be purchased as may be provided by law. No member, officer or employe of any department of the government shall be in any way interested in such contract, and the Secretary of Property and Supplies may provide for an escalation clause in such contracts and under such conditions as may be authorized by the General Assembly.

No. 8

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article sixteen, section seven of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to delete the requirement that stock indebtedness of private corporations may not be increased without stockholders' consent obtained at a meeting held after sixty days' notice.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That article sixteen, section seven of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read:

Section 7. No corporation shall issue stocks or bonds except for money, labor done, or money or property actually received; and all fictitious increase of stock or indebtedness shall be void. The stock and indebtedness of corporations shall not be increased except in pursuance of general law.

No. 9

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eleven, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by providing that the Legislature may authorize increases in retirement allowances or pensions of employes who are members of a retirement or pension system now or hereafter enacted by the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities.